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OTHER COMMUNICATIONS DURING SPP RTO *FEDERAL REGISTER* NOTICE COMMENT PERIOD

On April 28, 2023, WAPA published a *Federal Register* notice (FRN) on its recommendation to pursue final negotiations regarding SPP RTO membership. WAPA recommends CRSP and RM pursue final negotiations regarding membership in the SPP RTO, and UGP expand its participation in the Western Interconnection. Through the public process, WAPA solicited written public comments from its customers and stakeholders and engaged in consultation with Indian Tribes on the substance of the recommendation.

A 45-day comment period opened on April 28, 2023, and ran through June 12, 2023. Based on comments received and a need to further discuss certain items, the comment period was reopened on June 13, 2023, and closed again on July 11, 2023.

As part of the public process, WAPA will disclose communications it has with other entities regarding its RTO recommendation on this page. Additionally, WAPA discloses that WAPA personnel will continue to participate in industry activities and discussions regarding markets, transmission, and system operations.

Other communications during the public process related to the RTO recommendation may include:

Tribal Consultation

WAPA is engaging in Tribal consultation concurrent with the FRN process with Tribes who receive a WAPA allocation from CRSP, RM, or UGP or are otherwise potentially affected. Such consultation included one group webinar on May 12, 2023.

SPP RTO-West Communications

WAPA will continue to engage in discussions with SPP on matters to include but not be limited to:

- **Conversion of SPP RTO WAPA terms and conditions to tariff terms:** WAPA intends to develop proposed tariff language for the WAPA provisions and provide such proposed tariff language to SPP staff. WAPA also will meet with SPP staff on this proposed tariff language. Please note, however, any proposed tariff language would still need to flow through the SPP tariff approval process, including the SPP Regional Tariff Working Group, but only if WAPA decides to move forward with formal negotiations.
- **Conversion of SPP RTO DC-tie terms and conditions to tariff terms:** The DC-tie group also may develop tariff provisions implementing the SPP Board-approved terms and conditions. If so, WAPA staff will participate in those discussions.

- **Other meetings with SPP RTO-West participants**

Public Industry Activities

WAPA personnel will attend public meetings hosted by SPP, CAISO, Western Power Pool (WPP), and other applicable groups to monitor and/or participate in various public market, reliability, and transmission initiatives.

Specific meetings hosted by others will not be listed here. Please see public meeting dates and materials posted at SPP.org (Markets+, WEIS), CAISO.com (EDAM, WEIM), and westernpowerpool.org (WRAP).

Customer Communications Regarding the RTO Recommendation

Miscellaneous Communications Regarding the RTO Recommendation

SUMMARY OF OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

May 2-3: On May 2, 2023, SPP distributed by email an attachment labeled “RTO-West Expansion Project Updated Budget Estimate” to WAPA staff, representatives of the other RTO-West participants, and SPP staff, as well as two SPP East-side representative participants. On May 3, 2023, WAPA staff participated in a brief call hosted by SPP staff where SPP staff explained the attachment. Others invited to the meeting were representatives from each of the RTO-West participants, as well as the two representative SPP East- side participants. See the ["RTO-West Expansion Project Updated Budget Estimate."](#)

July 12: On July 12, 2023, WAPA staff attended SPP’s biweekly RTO-West Webex meeting. SPP asked WAPA if they planned to attend these biweekly meetings going forward and if WAPA was still under ex parte communication restrictions. WAPA replied that ex parte restrictions continue until a decision is made. WAPA indicated we intend to attend SPP’s RTO-West biweekly participant meetings in the future for some but not all agenda items. SPP agreed to place agenda items on confidential matters that WAPA would need to drop off for to be at the end of the meeting.

During the brief meeting on July 12, SPP discussed the comments they sent to WAPA under the extended FRN comment period. Those comments answered questions about SPP’s Market Operations and Policy Committee (MOPC) membership and the RTO’s tariff provisions for pseudo-ties. WAPA will publish SPP’s comments with all other comments received per timing determined by WAPA’s Administrator. SPP disclosed that all expected parties signed the Commitment Agreement (this excludes WAPA), and SPP plans to focus on tariff revisions next. SPP asked if WAPA would be able to participate in tariff drafting work during the ex parte period. WAPA communicated we will confer internally and confirm at a later date.